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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT--PARA FOUR)

FOR HABIB, P

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (HABIB, PHILIP C.)
SUBJECT: MAGHREB VISIT OF UNDER SECRETARY HABIB:
FOLLOW-UP

1. PURSUANT TO MY UNDERTAKING DURING YOUR VISIT, I AM SENDING YOU THIS MESSAGE AS A REMINDER REGARDING FOLLOW-UP ACTION WE SEEK ON FOUR IMPORTANT SUBJECTS DISCUSSED DURING YOUR TUNIS VISIT. NEA/AFN CAN PROVIDE PERTINENT PREVIOUS MESSAGES FOR REFERENCE IN EACH CASE.

2. FMS REPLACEMENT COSTS POLICY: DEFENSE MIN FARHAT ASKED YOU IF ANYTHING CAN BE DONE TO GET RELIEF FROM DOD POLICY WHICH HAS GOT PAYING OVER $63,000 PER CHAPARRAL MISSILE, THAT SUM BEING THE COST OF NEW, MODERN MODEL, WHEREAS GOT WILL RECEIVE OBSOLESCENT, OUT-OF-PRODUCTION OLD NODEL.

3. CONTINENTAL SHELF: INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO DEPT.
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INDICATES US FIRM APPROACHED TO REPLACE ENI-SAIPEM ON SCARABEO IV SITE IS READING AND BATES, USING PANAMAIN REGISTERED DRILLING RIG. UNLESS READING AND BATES CAN BE DISUAGED FROM PARTICIPATION PROMPTLY WE ARE LIKELY TO HAVE WHAT WE DO NOT NOW HAVE: A HOT POLITICAL ISSUE BETWEEN OURSELVES AND TUNISIA.

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4. ADDITIONAL FMS CREDIT: USLOT CHIEF EXPLAINED TO YOU
CREDIT BIND GOT WILL FIND ITSELF IN TO SIGN SERIES OF
LETTERS OF OFFER FOR CHAPARRAL/VULCAN MISSILE SYSTEM (ITS
TOP PRIORITY) AT TOTAL COST EXCEEDING DOLLARS NINETY
MILLION, PER YEAR (BUT ONLY DOLLARS FIFTEEN MILLION FOR FY 1977).
ANY LITTLE BIT EXTRA WOULD HELP, BUT TEN MILLION MORE
THIS YEAR WOULD BE JUST PERFECT.

5. RURAL DEVELOPMENT LOAN: THE INOUYE SUBCOMMITTEE IS
SITTING ON AID'S REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF LOAN OF DOLLARS
3.2 MILLION FOR OUR IMPORTANT RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SILIANA) PROJECT.
BOB NOOTER, AID/W, IS FULLY FAMILIAR WITH LEGISLATIVE
HISTORY OF THIS SUBJECT.

6. SUCCESS IN SHAKING LOOSE FAVORABLE DECISIONS ON THESE
FOUR CURRENT PROBLEMS WILL PRACTICALLY CLEAN UP OUR LIST
OF "STICKY" SUBJECTS AND WIN YOU ANOTHER INVITATION TO
SIDI BOU SAID. REGARDS.
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